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*It is at all times necessary, and more particularly so during the progress of a revolution and until right ideas confirm themselves by habit, that we frequently refresh our patriotism by reference to*

# First Principles.

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### The CIA on American Campuses: The Harvard Confrontation

By Morton H. Halperin

#### The Church Committee

The original Senate Intelligence Committee (the Church Committee) focused mainly on past abuses of the intelligence agencies. These activities were believed to have ended, and the main problem the Committee considered was enacting legislation to prevent their resumption.

However, in at least one area the committee stumbled upon what it believed to be an on-going set of improper activities. The CIA, the Church Committee learned, had covert relationships with university personnel which, in the view of the committee, posed a threat to academic freedom in the United States.

The section of the Church Committee report on CIA relations with universities, as originally drafted, had three basic parts. One reported the Committee's concern about the situation:

*This article is reprinted from Inquiry Magazine, October 30, 1978.*

*At the same time, the Committee recommends that the CIA amend its internal directives to require that individual academics used for operational purposes by the CIA, together with the President or equivalent official of the relevant academic institutions, be informed of the clandestine CIA relationship.<sup>1</sup>*

A second section described, apparently in some detail, the ongoing on-campus activities of the CIA which gave rise to that concern. However, when the report was submitted to the CIA for approval prior to publication, the agency refused to permit the publication of any details and the report was condensed to these vague paragraphs:

*8. Covert Use of the U.S. Academic Community. The Central Intelligence Agency is now using several hundred American academics, who in addition to providing leads and, on occasion, making introductions for intelligence purposes, occasionally write books and other material to be used for propaganda purposes abroad. Beyond these, an additional few score are used in an unwitting manner for minor activities.*

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